

House File 218 - Introduced

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BY MITCHELL

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to using unfilled deer tags in subsequent
2 seasons.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The deer hunting license shall be accompanied by a tag
4 designed to be used only once. When a deer is taken, the deer
5 shall be tagged and the tag shall be dated. If a resident fails
6 to take a deer during the season being hunted, the person may
7 use an unfilled tag in a subsequent deer hunting season using
8 the method of take authorized by rule for the season being
9 hunted. The tag shall be attached to the carcass of a deer
10 taken within fifteen minutes of the time the deer carcass is
11 located after being taken, or before the carcass is moved to
12 be transported by any means from the place where the deer was
13 taken, whichever occurs first. For each antlered deer taken,
14 the tag shall be affixed to the deer's antlers.

15 Sec. 2. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, Code 2019, is amended
16 by adding the following new paragraph:

17 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. If a nonresident fails to take a deer
18 during the season being hunted, the person may use an unfilled
19 tag in a subsequent deer hunting season using the method of
20 take authorized by rule for the season being hunted.

21 Sec. 3. Section 483A.27A, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
22 2019, is amended to read as follows:

23 a. A resident mentor and a resident apprentice hunter must
24 also purchase deer hunting licenses and tags to hunt deer and
25 wild turkey hunting licenses and tags to hunt wild turkey.
26 Deer hunting licenses and tags purchased by a resident mentor
27 and a resident apprentice hunter must be valid for the same
28 seasons and zones. An unfilled tag due to the failure to take
29 a deer in a prior season by the resident apprentice or resident
30 mentor shall be valid for subsequent seasons as long as the
31 person using the tag uses the method of take authorized by
32 rule for the season being hunted. When hunting wild turkey, a
33 resident mentor having a license valid for one of the spring
34 wild turkey hunting seasons may accompany and aid a resident
35 apprentice hunter who has a valid wild turkey hunting license

1 for any of the spring seasons as provided by rule. When
2 hunting wild turkey in the fall, a resident mentor and a
3 resident apprentice hunter must each have a fall wild turkey
4 hunting license valid for the current year. A transportation
5 tag issued to a resident apprentice hunter shall not be used to
6 tag a deer or wild turkey taken by another person.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill allows a resident or nonresident hunter to use an
11 unfilled deer tag in a subsequent deer hunting season if the
12 hunter failed to take a deer in the season being hunted. For
13 purposes of a resident apprentice and a resident mentor hunting
14 deer, deer tags are considered valid for the same season when
15 the resident apprentice or the resident mentor uses an unfilled
16 deer tag from a prior season as long as the person using the tag
17 uses the method of take authorized by rule for the season being
18 hunted.